

USER INTERFACE FOR PERSONALIZED ACCESS TO INTERNET-ENABLED TELEVISION

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

5 A personalized user interface (UI) to an Internet-enabled TV may include personalized category and content areas and a personal monitoring area. In accordance with an embodiment, the areas of the personalized UI may be arranged in a L-shaped configuration, and the features within the areas may be readily navigated using arrow buttons on a remote control. For example, up and down

10 arrows may be used to navigate among the features in the personal monitoring area, while the left and right arrows may be used to navigate among the categories in the personalized category area. Switching between navigation within the personal monitoring area and navigation within the personalized category area may occur automatically upon switching between using the up/down arrows and using the

15 left/right arrows. A "Go" button or similar button may be used to activate an object selected, triggering an action associated with the object. In accordance with one embodiment, the L-shaped configuration of the personalized UI may be used in conjunction with and in contrast to another L-shaped configuration of UI controls. The two L-shaped configurations may be on opposite sides of a screen to provide

20 rapid and easy visual differentiation between the two UI modes, while still providing a scalable rectangular-shaped area for the display area.